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✓ THE SIGN OF THE CACTUS ✓

✓ Photoplay in 5 reels ✓

✓ *and Continuity*
✓ Story by Chas. Logue ✓

Directed by Clifford S. Smith

Author of the Photoplay (under section 62)
Universal Pictures Corporation of U.S. ✓

"THE SIGN OF THE CACTUS"
Universal Western Feature
Starring JACK HOXIE

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A prologue opens with little Jack Hayes' father being shot down by agents of the grasping Water Company, and little Jack's love for Belle Henderson, daughter of the company's president.

Years later, White Horse Cactus, a mysterious rider robs the Water Company and its crooked agents in order to pay back the ranchers who have been robbed of the water rights. Whenever pursued, he escapes, after leaving a cactus blade as his sign.

He meets Belle in the hills one day and tells her he is prospecting. They renew their friendship. On one occasion he dynamites the Water Company's dam and rescues Belle who is being swept into the torrent with her horse. At this time she learns his true identity.

In town on the following day, he shoots one of the imported gunmen, to save his own life. Put on trial, he breaks up proceedings by escaping from the courtroom, thanks to his lawyer, Panhandle Nichols.

Shortly thereafter, Belle's father is shot down and a cactus blade is left behind. Belle rides to Jack's hiding place, gets the drop on him and after handcuffing him to herself, they start towards town. Their horses stampeding, they have to walk to town, still handcuffed to each other. They chance across the sheriff's posse, pursuing two of the gunmen who prove to be the real attackers of her father.

The sheriff unfastens the handcuffs, but these two prefer to bind themselves with even stronger fetters for life.

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